

CHAPTER 353

(Senate Bill 418)

AN ACT concerning

Emergency Vehicle Privileges - Use of Audible Signal

FOR the purpose of providing that an emergency vehicle that is parked or standing may exercise certain emergency vehicle privileges without using any audible signal; and generally relating to emergency vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 21-106

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

21-106.

(a) Subject to the conditions stated in this section, the driver of an emergency vehicle registered in any state may exercise the privileges set forth in this section while:

- (1) Responding to an emergency call;
- (2) Pursuing a violator or suspected violator of the law; or
- (3) Responding to, but not while returning from, a fire alarm.

(b) Under the circumstances stated in subsection (a) of this section, the driver of an emergency vehicle may:

- (1) Park or stand without regard to the other provisions of this title;
- (2) Pass a red or stop signal, a stop sign, or a yield sign, but only after slowing down as necessary for safety;
- (3) Exceed any maximum speed limit, but only so long as the driver does not endanger life or property; and
- (4) Disregard any traffic control device or regulation governing direction of movement or turning in a specified direction.

(c) (1) ~~The~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE privileges set forth in this section apply only while the emergency vehicle is using audible and visual signals that meet the requirements of § 22-218 of this article, except that: